

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

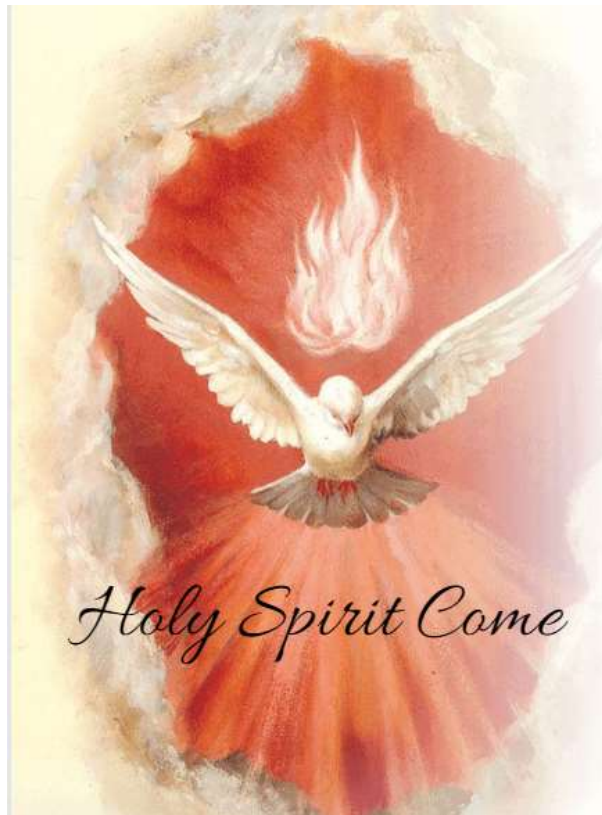
Established – 1863

Diocese of Tyler – Most Rev. Joseph E Strickland - Bishop

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Welcome Everyone to Praise and Glorify the Lord.



Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic Community of Immaculate Conception Church, under the guidance and protection of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, recognize ourselves as disciples of Jesus Christ. We strive to be a prayerful, Eucharistic Family, open to the Power of the Holy Spirit and conscious of our mission to use our time, talent and treasure in service to our brothers and sisters.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Devotion of the Holy Rosary

Every Saturday @ 4:30 p.m.

Every Sunday @ 8:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m. (Unless otherwise noted)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday @ 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday @ 9:00 a.m.

First Friday Adoration & Benediction Schedule

Following 9:00 a.m. Mass

First Saturday Mass @ 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every 3rd weekend of the Month

Saturday 4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m. Sunday 8:15a.m. - 8:45a.m.

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Zacharias (Zach) Kunnakkattuthara

903-724-0865

Associate Pastors

Rev. Father Isaac Oviedo

903-806-5164

Rev. Father Selvan Melkias

903-360-6925

Immaculate Conception Parish Office

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Hours –Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Email: icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

Church Website: <http://www.icccjeffersontx.org>

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2023



Why Stewardship

*Receiving God's gifts gratefully
cultivating them responsibly,
sharing them lovingly in justice with others;
returning them with increase to the Lord.*

Your generosity and time is greatly appreciated!

Offertory Collections

Week of May 21 2023

Total General Collection	\$3,992.00
Regular Collection	\$ 3,812.00
Online Collection	\$ 180.00

Monastery of the Infant Jesus, Lufkin \$342.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Gift of Gratitude St. Vincent de Paul

WEEK OF 05/25/2023

**Food for the poor: # of cans & packages: 25
Families served: 5 (14 People)**

*Thank You, God, for your ongoing generosity; so that, we can work to
provide for those in need.*

*Remember our needy in the community, with a donation in the St.
Vincent de Paul basket in the vestibule of the Church. It is a nice way
of remembering our needy.*

Thank you for helping others in our Community!

St Vincent de Paul Meetings

9:30 a.m. Thursdays in the Classroom

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Altar Care

Week of 05/29/2023 – Sharon Verhalen

Week of 06/05/2023 – Kathy Warner

If you are interested in volunteering your time for one or two
weeks a year to assist with altar care and help keep your church
beautiful for our parishioners and our visitors to enjoy, please let
us know.

Email us @ icccjefferson@sbcglobal.net

May 28th Responsorial Psalm 104:30

**Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the
earth.**

June 4th Responsorial Psalm 3:52

**Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the
earth.**

Upcoming Special Collections

May 7, 2023—Fund for Those in Need

**May 14, 2023—Collection for the Monastery of
the Infant Jesus, Lufkin**

**May 21, 2023—Collection for Catholic
Communications**

Lay Ministry Schedule May/June 2023

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Susan Wise

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Philip Verhalen

Saturday, May 27, 2023

John Dockery

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Jackie Traylor

June 2023

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Johnette Grubaugh

Marguerite Hawthorne

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Roger Opiela

Irene Webster

Saturday, June 10, 2023

Pam Watts

Tammy Cornett

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Kathy Warner

Liz Opiela

Safe Environment

When you have reasonable cause to suspect abuse or neglect of a
minor or vulnerable adult, you must report:

1. To the DFPS Abuse Hotline at (800) 252-5400 or
www.txabusehotline.org.
2. To local law enforcement or 911 if you believe someone is in
immediate danger.
3. To the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-
2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org if the report involves Church
personnel.

In addition to abuse, you must report any suspected criminal
behavior by Church personnel to law enforcement and the diocese.



Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers those who need prayers in our Parish Family and Community.

Parishioners

Andrea Bertrand	Anna Bode Family
Rufe Brewton	Martina Cerda
Sharon Deangelo	Mary Dorgan
BeBe Dorgan	Dawn Fuquay
Fred Griffin	Troy Hines
Lorraine Jolin	Darrell Lensch
Judith Lensch	Linda McCollim
Jo Miller	Robert Miller
Wayman Moore	Amil Murray
Sandra Remedies	Yvonne Thompson
Rebecca Cornett Sistrunk	The Watts Family
Susan Wix	Ken Vrla

Family & Friends

May 2023

Rev. Bernard Botej	Kirk Bradley
Elizabeth Brown	Sharon DeAngelo
Teri Flanagan	Marsha Foss
*Regina Guel	Rita Hatami
Anthony Herman	Nancy Horn
Terry Johnson	Claire Mallet
Paul Morehead	Rev. Joseph Nasser
Dr. John Parsons	Lissa Velasquez

April 2023

Cynthia Grillo	Beverly Heard
Roy Knight	

March 2023

Cynthia Orms	Morriss Moore
Geneva Nixon	Alisha O'Hagan
Eve Pasquale	Lee Piccolo

Pope Francis

Prayer Intentions for June 2023

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Mass Intentions – May 2023

Saturday, May 27, 2023 – For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Saner

(Requested by Ladies Altar Society)

Sunday, May 28, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Tuesday, May 30, 2023– For all Souls in Purgatory
(Requested by Shaw Family)

Wednesday, May 31, 2023– For Trish Cancellare

June 2023

Thursday, June 1, 2023–For the Repose of the Soul of Patricia Thorpe

(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Friday, June 2, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Saturday, June 3, 2023 9:00am – For Carter Cohn
(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Saturday, June 3, 2023 5:00pm – For the Repose of the Soul of Martin Whelan
(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Sunday, June 4, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Edward John Roy
(Requested by Jackie Traylor)

Tuesday, June 6, 2023– Thanksgiving for a safe delivery of Grandbaby
(Requested by Jo Miller)

Wednesday, June 7, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Brian Bode
(Requested by Pam Watts)

Thursday, June 8, 2023–For Chase Carter
(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Friday, June 9, 2023– For a Special Intention
(Requested by Jo Miller)

Saturday, June 10, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Joaquina & Panfilo Martinez
(Requested by Irene Webster)

Sunday, June 11, 2023– For all Parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Community

Tuesday, June 13, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of PD & Naomi Watts
(Requested by Pam Watts)

Wednesday, June 14, 2023– For Mathew Whelan
(Requested by Kathy Warner)

Thursday, June 15, 2023–For Wayman Moore & Family
(Requested by Pam Watts)

Friday, June 16, 2023– For the Repose of the Soul of Helen Morin
(Requested by Ken & Suzanne Vrla)

Saturday, June 17, 2023– For all Souls in Purgatory
(Requested by Shaw Family)



A Message from Msgr. Zach

Dear Friends,

If you don't feel particularly at home in this world, consider for a moment how seriously earth-bound you are. Something we cannot see, and take completely for granted, keeps us only minutes away from death. It is the air we breathe. Oxygen. If we go deep-sea diving or venture into outer space, we must take oxygen with us. And as soon as the oxygen is gone. So are we! We are designed to breathe, and we do it unconsciously. Our amazing bodies are using something we cannot see, and seldom think about, to keep us alive from one minute to the next.

With this in mind, it is interesting to read from Genesis about how we are made. Genesis 2 tells of God making us from dust and breathing into our nostrils the breath of life.

After the resurrection Jesus was appearing to the disciples at different places and different occasions. The primary purpose of these appearances was to establish the identity and continuity of the earthly Jesus with the risen Lord. Also, these appearances would provide the disciples with a transition: from the seen to the unseen, from the temporal to the eternal, from the limited to the universal, and from the physical to the spiritual.

But the disciples were still in hiding behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. The report that the tomb was empty was no proof of a risen Christ and could be the work of grave robbers. The report of a personal encounter could be based on a hallucination. The appearance of Jesus to the disciples, therefore, was extremely important. He stood among them, despite the locked doors, and showed them his wounds. He blessed them and commissioned them. Then he "breathed on them" and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit as the fulfilled promise of Jesus to his disciples. We celebrate the more dramatic occurrence fifty days later, as recorded in Acts 2. Finally, we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church, and in our lives, today.

How are we to recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and our congregations? This seems like an appropriate question for Pentecost Sunday. The Holy Spirit may be the most misunderstood member of the Trinity, and the most controversial too. Many of the spiritual and emotional excesses in Christian history and practice have sought a home with the Holy Spirit. It is difficult to know what to make of the many different interpretations of the Spirit's presence, manifestations, and gifts. In Will Campbell's novel *The Glad River* there is this exchange: "What you and your mamma fight about religion for?" Kingston said, leaning on his shovel handle. "That's what religion is," Droops replied. "Someone told me a man's religion is what he'll get mad enough to fight about." "I thought religion was about God," Kinston said. "God is about God," Droops said, "religion is about us."

In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul did more than anyone to help us understand the Holy Spirit. His correspondence with the congregation in Corinth made it clear that the Spirit bestows a diversity of gifts, but all of these gifts are for the purpose of building up the body of Christ. He makes it even clearer that all of the Spirit's gifts are of no avail apart from the Spirit's greatest gift, which is love. The breath of true life, which is the Spirit's gift, is love.

Your friend in Jesus
Msgr. Zach

Please Pray for the Active Military from our Community

Juan Carlos Acuna	Mary Alder
Kendall Benton	Aubrey Sperier Arenavas
Gabriel Cantu	Dillon Corpier
Drew Downey	Winston J Jones
Bo Dylan Jordan	Matthew Kopecky
Robert Miller	Dominick Pondant
Kyrie Lay Redd	Desire Robertson
Salvador Sanchez Jr	Haley Sellers
Perry Staten	James Trachier
Joseph Trachier	Brent Westbrook
Joseph Woods	Heath Zeigler



Community Happenings. . . .

MEMORIAL DAY

Come join St. Joseph on Memorial Day
for a special Mass

Monday, May 29th at 10:00 a.m.

@St. Joseph Cemetery

followed by hot dog Lunch
in the Parish Hall
Bishop Strickland will be
the Main Celebrant.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS

June 2, 2023

Mass @9:00 am

**Followed by Adoration
and Benediction
Confession available
during Adoration**

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

June 3, 2023

Mass @9:00 am

Marian Center Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Following Rosary at 6:00pm
Everyone is Welcome!

FATHER'S DAY
REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES
June 18, 2023

On this Father's Day we will
honor all the Fathers
both those in our Memories
and those currently in our life.

Remember your Father
in prayer during the
month of June.
Submission envelopes
are in the vestibule.

What's Coming & Valuable Information . . .



Join us for the Eucharistic Congress 2023 for the Diocese of Tyler. Keynotes by Bishop Daniel Flores (Spanish) and Dr. John Bergsma.

June 9 · 5:30pm - June 10 · 6:30pm CDT

Location:

Bishop Thomas K. Gorman Catholic School 1405 East Southeast Loop 323
Tyler, TX 75701

Visit the website below for Tickets
www.eventbrite.com

Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 2023
in the Parish Hall
@6:00 pm.

10th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign



Right to Life of East Texas is having a special fundraiser to support pro-life efforts in our area.

If you wish to participate, pick up your bottles and fill them with loose change, a check or any funds you wish to donate. Return them to the church or to the office.

PLEASE put your name on a piece of paper in the bottle so we know you returned it.

Donations are tax deductible.

On behalf of Right to Life of East Texas, we thank you for your generous support.

You are saving Lives.

Please return the bottles whether you donate or not as they are reused every year.



Thank you to the Immaculate Conception Altar Society and to all those who contributed to the Lenten Alms Giving Dinners. Your support allows The Gabriel Project in the Diocese of Tyler to continue our efforts to promote LIFE here in East Texas.

*"Good works are links that form a chain of love."
— Saint Mother Teresa*

www.gabrielprojecteasttexas.org 888-300-5112

Rosary Schedule and Marian Feast Days May 2023



WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH
OUR LADY OF FATIMA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH
PENTECOST SUNDAY

MONDAY, MAY 29TH
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31ST
ROSARY @ 6:00 P.M.
THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY